

PERINATAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION (PSAP)  
SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES  
September 20, 2005

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Maggie Carlton, Senator  
John Hiatt, Ph.D.  
Susan Doctor, Ph.D.  
Thomas Lee, Proxy for Charlene Herst  
Colleen Morris, M.D.  
T.J. Rosenberg  
Janie Lowe  
Terrence McGaw M.D.  
Candice Kidd  
Patty Lee

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Beverly Neyland, M.D.  
Charlene Herst  
Maria Canfield, Chief, Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse (BADA)

**STATE HEALTH DIVISION STAFF PRESENT**

Judith Wright, Chief, Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS)  
Cynthia Huth, MSN, CNM, Health Program Specialist 2, BFHS  
Tami Terstegee, Administrative Assistant 4, BFHS

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Lindsey Caffereta, student at Chicago Medical School

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Terrence McGaw called the Perinatal Substance Abuse Prevention (PSAP) Subcommittee meeting to order at **9:15 a.m.** The meeting was videoconferenced at the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), 401 South Carson Street, Room 2135, Carson City, Nevada, and the Grant Sawyer State Building, 555 East Washigton Boulevard, Room V4401, Las Vegas, Nevada. This was a public meeting, and the public was invited to make comments. In accordance with the Open Meeting Law this meeting was posted at the following locations: Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS), 3427 Goni Road, Suite 108, Carson City; Kinhead Building, 505 East King Street, Carson City, Nevada State Library and Archives, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City; Washoe County District Health Department (WCDHD), Ninth and Wells, Reno; Clark County Health District (CCHD), 625 Shadow Lane, Las Vegas; Elko Nursing Office, 531 Sixth Street, Elko; LCB, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City; Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washigton Boulevard., Room V4401, Las Vegas; and the Health Division Website: [www.health2k.state.nv.us](http://www.health2k.state.nv.us).

Introductions were made around the table.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING OF JULY 12, 2005**

Dr. John Hiatt moved to approve the July 12, 2005 minutes. Janie Lowe seconded. **MOTION APPROVED**

#### **PSAP SUBCOMMITTEE CO-CHAIR REPORT**

Dr. McGaw commented at the last Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board (MCHAB) the following issues were highlighted regarding Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 442. Number 4 on the list of purposes and objectives included identifying the most important methods of preventing Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and collecting information relating to incidence of FASD in Nevada. Number 5 states preventing the consumption of alcohol by women during pregnancies. Number 10 is assisting the Health Division in developing a program for public education relating to FASD.

#### **PSAP COORDINATOR REPORT**

Cynthia Huth reported Barry Lovgren will not be returning to work. She stated she was given information on what the subcommittee wanted regarding the Town Hall meetings. A written report will be made regarding the Town Hall meetings. The report will include; the number of people who spoke to the panel, number of people testifying, services that were identified, services which need to be provided in the future, barriers to services, and difficulties reported in working or living with someone with FASD. The report will be out at the end of March, 2006. The FASD State Plan will be developed based on the Town Hall report. Ms. Huth stated a temporary employee has been contracted to work on the Town Hall meeting and Reports. She will begin work on October 3, 2005.

Mrs. Huth stated she had met with Maria Canfield and staff from the Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse (BADA). She reported it was decided BADA, along with this subcommittee, will work together and do a State-Wide Needs Assessment, on prevention and treatment issues. The new employee may be helping with the surveys and workshops. The FASD State Plan is expected to be accomplished and incorporated into the over all State-Wide Needs Assessment by Fall, 2006.

Ms. Huth stated there are three separate agencies in the State of Nevada within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) that provide treatment. These agencies are BADA, the Bureau of Early Intervention (BEIS), and the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS). The services each agency provides will be covered in the Needs Assessment. The goal is to identify gaps and how to fill them. Ms. Huth recommended the subcommittee consider having a representative from each agency provide an updated report to the PSAP subcommittee regarding services and caseload. Mrs. Huth mentioned there are about a dozen coalitions across the State of Nevada working with BADA under one major State-Wide Coalition. Christy McGill is the chair of the State-Wide Coalition. No coalition fully concentrates on perinatal substance abuse issues, but it is incorporated into their activities. Ms. Huth stated their funding for the most part, comes from the Health Division and the federal government. Ms. Huth mentioned funding concentrates on prevention, but does not exclude providing services, treatment and community and provider education.

#### **SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER (FASD) TOWN HALL MEETING AGENDAS AND PANEL MEMBER SELECTION.**

Dr. McGaw asked for approval on standing reports from BADA, BEIS, and DCFS. Dr. Susan Doctor motioned to approve and Senator Maggie Carlton seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.** Dr. Colleen Morris requested in addition to the three State of Nevada agencies, the Department of Education (DOE) would be useful to invite to the next subcommittee meeting. Senator Carlton motioned and Dr. Doctor seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Ms. Huth stated the Town Hall meeting will be on January 17, 2006 in Las Vegas, and in Reno on January 23, 2006.

The times for both Town Hall meetings will be 3:00 p.m to 6:00 p.m at the Las Vegas Family Resource Center at University Medical Center (UMC) 1120 Shadow Lane, and in Reno at South Valley Library 15650A Wedge Parkway. The subcommittee discussed the composition of the panel, amount of time allowed to testify, etc.

Senator Carlton mentioned her idea was to have a one page biography on each person sitting on the panel which would include who they are and what their agency does. Ms. Huth mentioned Mr. Dan Dubovsky would be a speaker at both Town Hall meetings. Dr. Hiatt asked what methods are being used to advertise the Town Hall meetings. Mrs. Huth stated brochures from The Center for Excellence, revised to be Nevada specific, would be addressed and sent to hundreds of people, including clients at different agencies. Ms. Huth hopes to have these brochures mailed by November 7, 2005. She stated newspaper articles publicizing the Town Hall meetings would be ready in early January, 2006. Dr. McGaw suggested these brochures be sent to school counselors. Ms. Huth requested the subcommittee provide her with any other contacts. T.J. Rosenberg mentioned she will send the brochures to Parents Educating Parents (PEP). Ms. Huth stated they will be sending brochures to WIC offices. T.J. Rosenberg will also provide contact information from the Foster Care Association. It was suggested to invite more legislatures as panel members. Names were given to Ms. Huth and she will move forward on this.

The letters of invitation to perspective panel members for the Town Hall meeting will be sent out and a response would be needed by mid November, 2005.

Motioned to accept panel members and the letter with revisions, agenda and mailing list as noted. Senator Carlton motioned to approve and Patty Lee seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.**

#### **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO STAFF.**

This discussion was incorporated in previous action item.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION**

Dr. McGaw introduced one member of the public, Ms. Lindsey Caferetta, a student from Chicago, Illinois.

The next meeting will be on March 14, 2006.

Meeting adjourned at **10:40 a.m.**